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#### In brief

#### Change of command

Lt. Col. Harold Huguley III, 325th Mission Support Squadron commander, will relinquish command to Maj. Stephen Miliano at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Aug. 1 at the Officers' Club. All are welcome to attend.

#### Office closures

The 325th Contracting Squadron will close from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today for a squadron function. In case of an emergency, call 774-1151 or 774-1152.

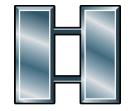
Also, the 325th Fighter Wing Staff and the 325th Mission Support Squadron offices will be closed or minimally manned starting at 1 p.m. due to an official function. Normal operating hours will resume July 25.

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#### Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

#### Noah place like home

Noah, a rough-toothed dolphin, opens his mouth while waking up after being transferred from a C-130J Hercules Air Force cargo aircraft into a Gulf World van Friday. A team of doctors and a member of the C-130J crew, Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson (right) made sure the dolphin stayed comfortable and wet while en route. Noah will be returned to the Gulf of Mexico after a brief stay at Gulf World. For more on this story, see Pages 12-13.

## Senior NCO convicted in WAPS case

MASTER SGT. MARY MCHALE

325th fighter Wing Public Affairs

Test compromise of Weighted Airman Promotion System materials recently cost an Air Force master sergeant in United States Air Forces Europe his career.

According to an article on the Air Force Link Website, Master Sgt. J. Abdur Rahim Saafir was charged with violations of Uniform Code of Military Justice Articles 80, 81 and 92. Charges involved the distribution of controlled WAPS testing materi-

A military judge sentenced him to a dishonorable discharge, demotion to E-1 and

42 months confinement.

"This case clearly illustrates the severe penalties that can be imposed in a case of WAPS test compromise," said Gerald Havel, Tyndall's test control officer. "And as we approach another testing cycle, it's imperative all Airmen eligible for promotion testing are aware of the ramifications of sharing test-related study materials."

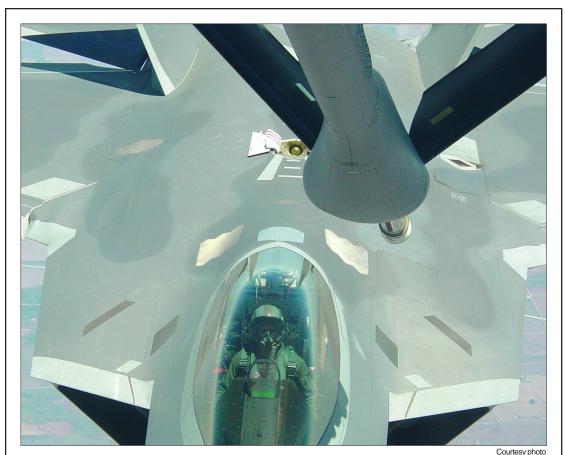
Mr. Havel said there are several ways test compromise can occur. Some he described include study group, which involves two or more people and discussing or otherwise sharing contents or specific questions of the skill knowledge test, professional fitness exams.

Another recent issue that has occurred as well is bringing cell phones, some with cameras, to the testing room. Mr. Havel said he has to collect them and if people still have one during the test session and attempt its use, their session will terminate immediately.

"Basically, any sharing of WAPS related material, whether highlighted volumes or even personal notes, is prohibited and that of course includes military married to military. If you're subject to the jurisdiction of

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#### Bird feeder

A 55th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 from Altus AFB, Okla., lowers its boom to refuel an F/A-22 Raptor. Eighteen F/A-22s evacuated Tyndall July 8 due to the approach of Hurricane Dennis. The 54th and 55th ARS provided 220,000 pounds of fuel to help the aircraft safely escape the storm's fury. Tyndall's Raptors are now back home.

## Tyndall's weekend weather forecast

Today
Partly cloudy
seabreeze
thunderstorms

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High: 91 Low: 78 High

Saturday
Partly cloudy
seabreeze
thunderstorms



High: 92 Low: 78

Sunday
Partly cloudy
seabreeze
thunderstorms



High: 91 Low: 78

Courtesy of the 325th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

## ON THE **STREET**

### What is on your dream sheet?



"Germany. It's a great opportunity to go overseas."





"Minot. I really like the weather up there."

SENIOR AIRMAN GUY CANTERBURY 823rd RED HORSE Squadron



"Italy or Germany. I would like to see other cultures."

**TECH. SGT. IRIS HAGUE** 325th Communications Squadron



"Lakenheath. My wife was born there."

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DONTAE BARKLEY

1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit

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## Commentary

## Core values not just words - they're a way of life

LT. COL. BERT DREHER

1st Fighter Squadron commande

As an Air Force pilot, people often ask me why I have never changed career fields, leaving the military for the more lucrative airline industry when presented the chance. When offered better pay, less hours, free family travel and better retirement, what is it that keeps me in the service of our country?

Notice the thing they don't mention as being better in that line of work – the people. No one outside of the military ever mentions the people they work with as being a reason they love their job. Not the million dollar ball players, the actors, or pop stars our media make out to be the happiest employed folks in the world. None of them mention their teammates or co-workers as a reason they do what they do.

Yet as I have thought it through, you – each of you who rise each day and are willing to lend a hand to someone else in need – are the reason I have not "declared free agency." I would like to share an event that relates what I see in each one of you and makes me proud and honored to be your teammate.

During a recent deployment to Key West, while sitting at an intersection in a car with a fellow squadron commander, Lt. Col. Steven Schneider, we witnessed a local bike rider tumble over his handle bars and strike a street sign with his head. You could immediately tell that the older gentleman was hurt and in need of assistance. Without saying a word, Colonel Schneider jumped from the car and I quickly found a spot to park the car (no small feat in

Approaching the scene on foot forced me to cross the same intersection, and in doing so, I noticed no one else was coming to a fellow citizen's aid. Instead, several folks were honking their horns and yelling for people to "get the ..." Well, you get the idea.

As I arrived to lend a hand, we were joined by two other squadron mates, Lt. Col. Mark MacLean and Maj. Chris Morton, who'd seen the accident as well while walking back to billeting. It was at this point in the ordeal that, for the first time, our victim asked a question that still bothers me today.

He asked, in what I can only describe as a state of disbelief, "Why are you helping me?" This question stopped me dead in my tracks. I truly had no concept as to why he would ask such a thing. It was a question I was totally unprepared to answer. My mind raced, almost as if I'd been asked, "Why were we taking breaths?"

"Because that's what we do," came to mind and was in fact how I replied.

By the time the emergency medical technicians and police officers arrived to care for the gentleman, he had asked all of us numerous times why we were stopping to help him and repeatedly thanked us for our efforts. As the next few days passed, I could not get the gentleman's question and the way he asked it out of my mind. Has our society become so callous and hardened that people no longer expect someone to extend a hand in a time of

Unfortunately, I think it has. I'm fortunate to be surround by the minority of citizens in our society today that still hold "old school" values and actions as being a standard ideal. I'm proud and honored to serve with you.

Maybe that's why I had such a hard time understanding the gentleman's dismay.

I started this article during the Operational Readiness Inspection, obviously a few weeks before Hurricane Dennis. I sit here at the computer finishing it having returned with my squadron from Fort Worth, Texas. Once again, those of you reading this have amazed me with your support and compassion for each other and those who need us.

We often talk of the Air Force's core values, but what I see and what keeps me around as a teammate is not the constant mentioning of these traits; it's your natural, almost subconscious normal practice of these values in everything you do. Nowhere else, in no other job, can an employee find greater or finer people to trust his or her life with.

Every time I fly, I put my life and the future of my family in the hands of others without a second thought because your actions have earned my utmost respect and trust. The members of Team Tyndall and our nation's military are the reason I've stayed around.

## 'My husband is a drug addict': One Airman's story

STAFF SGT. LINDSAY THOMAS

22nd Contracting Squadron

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. (AFPN) — I've said those words many times, yet the sound of them still makes me cringe. I still wonder how any of this could have happened; I ponder how everything could have spun so horribly out of control.

About a year ago, I was pulled out of Airman Leadership School by an Office of Special Investigations agent who informed me that my husband had failed a urinalysis for cocaine. Shocked and troubled, I somehow stumbled back to class distracted by news that seemed unreal and impossible.

And my husband swore to me that it was impossible. He

pleaded his innocence, giving me some elaborate story about a trip to the emergency room for kidney stones and a morphine drip that caused him to test positive for cocaine. And I believed him. Why wouldn't I? There were no signs of drug abuse; he didn't match that profile. I never saw drastic mood changes, there was never an issue with money mysteriously disappearing from our bank accounts, and I could always account for where he was.

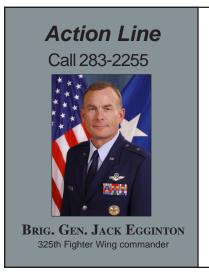
And as the court-martial grew ever near, the stress became unbearable. I wasn't sleeping; I couldn't concentrate. To be completely honest, I was a basket case. But there was some glimmer of hope, because I believed in justice. I believed that everything would be made right and that if I just

stuck through it, there would be a light at the end of this long, dark tunnel.

And then, two weeks before the court-martial, my husband's stories started to contradict one another and he kept backtracking on his stories, grasping for some validity. He was slipping up, and it all began to unravel before him.

And then he said it. "I slipped up," is what he said. "I used cocaine." Dumbfounded, I demanded an explanation, only to hear the horrible stories of cocaine abuse, painkillers that were taken like they were pieces of candy, and the experimentation of every other drug you could imagine.

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The Action Line is your direct line to me. It you are unable to resolve the problem, call me is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a re-

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or

at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

283-4825
283-4191
283-7515
283-2739

/IPF	283-2276
SFS Desk Sgt.	283-2254
Services	283-2501
.egal	283-4681
lousing	283-2036
CDC	283-4747
Ving Safety	283-4231
Area Defense Counsel	283-2911
inance	283-4117
Civil Engineer	283-4949
Civilian Personnel	283-3203
Base Information	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

## New MDG commander sees 'energy and excitement' at Tyndall

MASTER SGT. MARY MCHALE

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 325th Medical Group has a new commander following a change of command ceremony July 15 outside the base clinic.

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, presided over the ceremony, where Col. (Dr.) George Nicolas Jr. assumed command from Col. Sean Murphy.

"I have never had a better job in the Air Force or worked with a finer group of people both at the 325th MDG and 325th FW," Colonel Murphy said. "You will not find a more caring group of people. This group has accomplished more than I could have imagined in my two years here. The proudest part is how well they did while I was deployed to Kuwait in getting an 'Excellent' in the Health Service Inspection. That is the true showing of what this group is made of."

Colonel Nicolas, a Detroit, Mich., native with a background in optometry, arrived at Tyndall from Scott AFB, Ill., where he was the commander of the 375th Aero-

space Medicine Squadron.

"I am looking forward to really making a difference both in the lives of beneficiaries and the careers of Airmen in the 325th MDG," he said. "I have set a personal goal to provide an environment that is personally and professionally rewarding, one that makes people want to do their best."

The doctor said to develop this environment, he prefers a leadership style he's experienced during his career where he provides his Airmen a vector and subsequent guidance as necessary. It is in this environment that he said he wants to provide safe, efficient and timely health care to all beneficiaries.

"Time is of the essence when you're sick," he said. "You want to be well, and we want to make you well, it goes better for everyone."

A veteran of more than 20 years in the medical field, Colonel Nicolas said probably the biggest change for him was the reorganization of the medical treatment facilities to look more in line with the Air Force. And it's one he feels has been for the best.

"I think the change really helped grow leaders," he said. "Medics are much more aware of the overall mission and have more invested in the Air Force culture now."

The other significant change he said he's seen is the expeditionary medical concept—one he saw on paper as a member of the Air Force surgeon general's staff and then one he lived in person as a deployed doctor in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The Air Force medics got leaner and lighter with a strong focus on more capabilities," he said. "I was amazed at the amount of capability we had for the small number of medics we had when I was deployed."

It was also during his deployment that he got to further enjoy what he calls the two most rewarding aspects of his job, watching young troops grow and serving his country.

"I've always enjoyed serving my nation but it really hit home when I deployed," he said. "Seeing wounded young men and women and their positive attitude and dedication, to be part of that is indescribable."

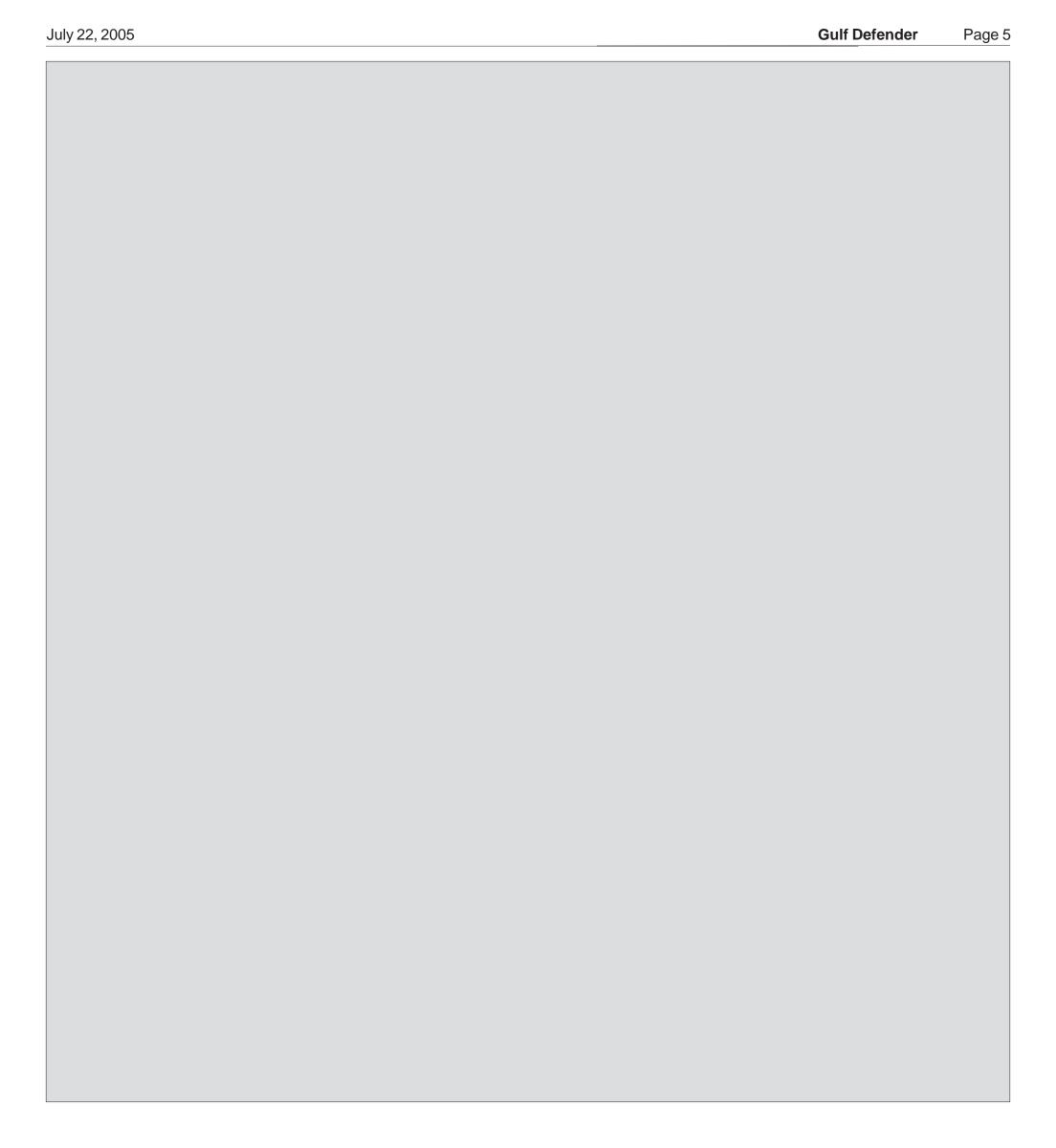


Lisa Norman

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, hands the 325th Medical Group guidon to Col. (Dr.) George Nicolas Jr. at a ceremony here July 15.

But what he did describe was his initial impression of the Tyndall community.

"Just the short time I've been here, it's been a real pleasure to witness the commitment, energy and excitement across the base, everyone's fired up. Even my wife has commented on it several times as well."



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## West Nile Virus still a threat in Florida panhandle

Maj. Susan A. Romano

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Summer is here in full force, and people are thinking about the 101 Critical Days of Summer – vehicle accidents, sports injuries, recreational risks and alcohol related incidents. But there is another potential silent killer all Tyndall AFB personnel should know about – West Nile Virus.

So far, the 2005 mosquito season has been favorable for the state of Florida with no new cases of West Nile Virus reported. However, WNV is still a serious potential threat for our community. Florida reported 94 cases of WNV in 2003 and 42 cases in 2004. While the number of cases has decreased sharply over the last two years, virus activity is still present in our area.

Local health departments perform surveillance activities to monitor the affects of the virus. Surveillance for WNV infection is conducted on humans, mosquitoes, horses, wild birds and sentinel chicken flocks. The map, right, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that WNV has been identified in sentinel chicken flocks in eight counties so far in 2005, including Bay and Walton Counties.

With the virus still present in our area, it

is important that residents and visitors protect themselves from mosquitoes, which spread the disease, said Tech. Sgt. Carlos Martinez, Community Health Element chief of the 325th ADS Public Health Flight. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. People can get WNV from the bite of a mosquito if the mosquito is infected with the virus.

Capt. Chad Claar, 325th ADS Public Health Flight commander, said symptoms of WNV can include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness, and confusion. "While the disease can be fatal, mild infections are actually much more common," said Captain Claar. "Young children, the elderly, and individuals with weakened immune systems are at greatest risk of having severe WNV infections. Severe infections are marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, and convulsions."

The Public Health Flight advises the public to remain diligent in their personal protection efforts against mosquitoes. The Florida Department of Health recommends "Five Ds and one S" for prevention:

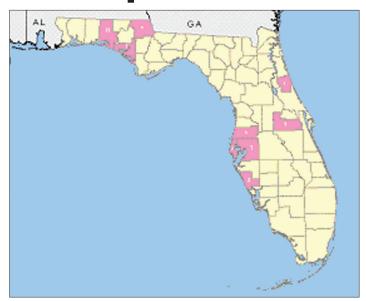
**D**usk and **D**awn – Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood meals; for many species this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

**D**ress – Wear clothing that covers and minimizes skin exposure.

DEET – When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethylmeta-toluamide or N, N - d i e t h y 1 - 3 - methylbenzamide) are recommended. Products with concentrations up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended for most situations (it is not recommended to use

DEET on children less than two months old; instead, infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting used over carriers when mosquitoes are present). Whenever using an insecticide or repellent, be sure to read the manufacturer's directions for use.

**D**rainage – Check your home to rid it of standing water in which mosquitoes can lay their eggs. Clean out eaves, troughs, and gutters. Turn over or remove empty pots. Pick up all beverage containers and cups. Check tarps on boats or other equipment



that may collect water.

Screens – Make sure that windows and doors remain closed or are sealed completely by screens if open.

For more information on WNV or other mosquito-borne diseases, call the 325th ADS Public Health Flight at 283-7138 or visit the following Web sites:

www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/arboviral/index.html

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm

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	Congratulations to Tyndall's newest captain selects!  (Editor's note: The following first lieutenants were recently selected for promotion to the rank of captain.)
	Daniel Call, 325th FW
	Jennifer Harwood, 325th MDOS
	Stephen McMahon, 325th MSG
	Robert Orlando, 325th MDSS
	Jeffrey Miller, AFRL
	Noel Torres, AFELM
	DONS DRINK AND DRIVE

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## CESA civilian wins full ride to Harvard

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

Most people can't wait to get out of school. Brian Lally can't wait to start. Of course, it helps if the school is Harvard University. It also helps if all expenses are paid.

Mr. Lally, executive director for the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, was recently selected to attend Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government through an Air Force development program for senior civilian managers. He will participate in a year-long master's in public administration program beginning this fall.

"I just went over the half-century mark. What better way to start the second half of my life than to go back to school, at probably the best school in the world?" said Mr. Lally.

Mr. Lally is a New England native who grew up just 20 miles from Cambridge, where Harvard is located. "It was always a dream to go there," he said.

He first applied to the college after graduating from high school.

"I did really well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. I scored in the 1300s," he said, "but they were looking for 1500s." Instead, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Lowell Technological Institute in Massachusetts.

Thirty-two years after missing out on Harvard, Mr. Lally learned of the Air Force program. His application went through four Air Force review levels including a review by a general officers' board and a senior executives' board. A year later, he was chosen as the num-

ber one candidate for the program. While that was great news, he was still a long way from becoming a Harvard man. He still had to apply to, and be accepted by, the university.

"I had to write an application package and five 800-word essays, provide references, resumes and transcripts, all-inall about 30 pages of information," he

Following graduation from Harvard in the summer of 2006, Mr. Lally will compete for one of several top leadership positions in the Air Force.

"There is no endgame for me after graduation," he said "I don't have a job lined up and I don't know what's going to happen career-wise. For now, my focus is on learning the most I can and doing my best in school."

Mr. Lally and his wife Judy have packed up their belongings and will travel to Cambridge this summer. Because the course is a prelude to higher-level positions, Mr. Lally will not return to the agency.

"I will be heartbroken to leave here," he said. "Being here makes me feel like I'm a kid in a candy store, I've got a thousand dollars, and everything is penny candy. I absolutely love being here, and I know I'll be sad when I leave. I guarantee you I'll cry."

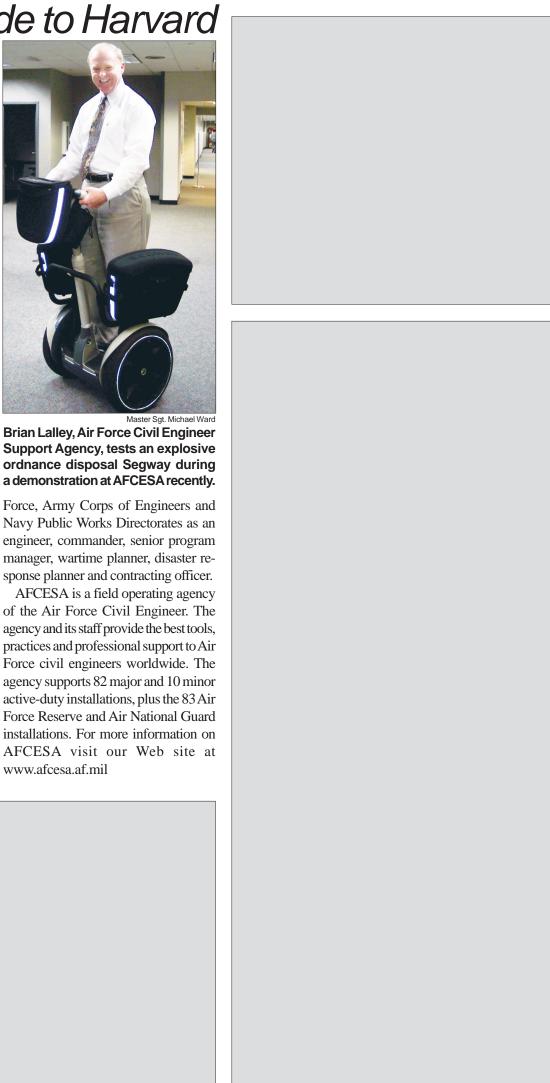
Mr. Lally also holds a master's degree in business administration from the Florida Institute of Technology. He is a registered professional civil engineer licensed in Virginia.

He has been affiliated with the Air Force since 1975 and is a colonel in the Air Force Reserves. He has more than 29 years experience working for the Air



manager, wartime planner, disaster response planner and contracting officer.

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## **Great-grandmother deploys to Iraq with AAFES**

**DALLAS** – If it weren't true you might have a hard time believing that a great grandmother who just spent six months deployed to Kuwait packed her things up to extend her deployment and go to Iraq.

When the then 72-year-old from Lawton, Okla., voluntarily deployed to Camp Doha, Kuwait, in December 2004 no one knew what to think.

"I don't think I was what they were expecting," said Lena Haddix. A military wife for nearly 30 years, Haddix voluntarily left her home station at the Fort Sill Post Exchange for a six-month deployment in support of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's morale facilities in Kuwait.

Talking on the phone from Camp Doha Ms. Haddix explained that the past six months deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom have been filled with hard, yet rewarding work.

"Anything there is to do, I do," said Haddix. "From 7:30 a.m. until at least 8:30 p.m., I run registers and help customers – just whatever needs to be done."

Even with the 13 hour days, the great-

grandmother was able to mark her 73rd of duty to the birthday while deployed to Kuwait. "We troops she has had a big birthday party May 14." come to know

A year older and keenly aware of the dangers that come with being deployed to a war zone, you might think that Ms. Haddix has had enough overseas excitement to last her for awhile, but to hear her tell it she is just getting started.

"I'm going north," she said, referring to her decision to voluntarily extend her deployment for another six months and go to Iraq. After a short leave back in Lawton, Okla., the AAFES employee reported for duty July 5 at her next contingency assignment at Camp Liberty in Baghdad, Iraq.

When Ms. Haddix returned home to Lawton June 23 on leave, she made sure to visit with her five children, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two dogs and one bird.

"I love the people out here," she said of the troops and AAFES associates in the contingency theater. "They give me hugs and talk to me about their thoughts and fears. One Soldier told me he thought God sent me."

Ms. Haddix is compelled by a sense

troops she has come to know and love in Kuwait. She makes it clear that she hopes to extend the bonds she has developed with the troops she served on the first six months of deployment to service members in Iraq. In fact, when asked when she will return home to Oklahoma Ms. Haddix said,

"December, unless I extend again."

At any given time, AAFES has 450 civilian associates like Lena Haddix deployed in support of PX/BX facilities in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. AAFES operates 54 exchanges, 65 phone centers and more than 100 name brand fast food operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, Uzbekistan,



Courtesy photo

Lena Haddix, an Army & Air Force Exchange Service employee, stops to give a smile at the Fort Sill Post Exchange in Lawton, Okla. After spending six months in Kuwait, Ms. Haddix asked for an extension and is now deployed to Iraq.

Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait.

Camp Liberty, where Ms. Haddix will be working, is home to AAFES' largest contingency PX/BX in the world. With 30,000 square feet of retail space, the exchange offers a complete assortment of snack and beverage products, electronics and health and beauty items, as well as a popular Iraqi vendor bazaar.

## Off-duty travel site opens Australia as vacation destination

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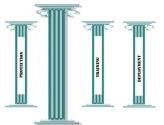
U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** (**AFPN**) — Military travelers can purchase vacations to Australia for about the same cost as a getaway to Europe simply by visiting a military-sponsored Web site

Authorized morale, welfare and recreation patrons can go to the Off-Duty Travel Web site and click on "Joint Services Travel Specials" to begin a step-by-step process for building itineraries to a vacation down under. After preparing the itinerary, they can visit a supporting information, ticket and reservation office or information, tickets and travel office to finalize the booking, confirm arrangements and pay for the vacation.

"We're estimating these packages will be 10 to 30 percent less expensive than anything else they're going to be able to find," said Dan Yount, chief of Army Leisure Travel

#### FORCE SUSTAINMENT



Services at the U.S.
Army Community and Family Support Center.

MWR patrons can purchase eightday trips from Los Angeles to Sydney, including lodging at three- or four-star hotels with some tours, starting as low as \$1,300. It can be even more affordable for servicemembers on rest-and-recuperation leave from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"If someone is on R and R leave out of either Iraq or Afghanistan, the government will fly them any place that is shown as their destination on their leave orders," Mr. Yount said. "So when they're planning their R and R leave, and enter Sydney, Australia, as the leave destination, the transportation office will arrange transportation to Sydney.

"This is a benefit that could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go on a great vacation with Uncle Sam paying a major part of the expense," he said.

The Australian packages are available to active-duty people, members of the reserve components, retired military, family members and Defense Department civilians.

"Any authorized MWR patron (who) can provide proof of DOD affiliation is eligible," Mr. Yount said. "This kind of a product hasn't been available on a lot of military bases since 1999, when the Army and Navy parted company with commercial travel contractors providing leisure travel services on many installations. And it's never been available at a price this low."

Deployed servicemembers approved to take authorized R and R leave can click on the "R and R Troop Travel" link for more information. MWR patrons can also click on the

"Great Travel Deals" link. Deals include numerous vacation packages to all eight of Australia's states.

Mr. Yount said prices fluctuate based on the season, but said there is no bad time to visit Australia.

"Australian seasons are the opposite of ours, with winter occurring in June, July and August, and summer starting in January," Mr. Yount said. "Weather patterns are much milder than a winter in the northeastern United States or the Midwest."

New York, Los Angeles and Honolulu are the embarkation points. Travelers can make arrangements from their nearest airport as part of the travel package using a Qantas code-share partner, or they may make their own travel arrangements to those destinations.

If travelers do not have access to a local travel office, they can make arrangements via e-mail or telephone. A deposit that includes the full price of the airline ticket and a percentage of the land packages will be required upon booking. Travelers will have until 45 days before departure to finish paying for the package.

"Somebody who wants to book a year out is going to be able to take their time paying, and it probably won't be painful at any one time," Mr. Yount said. "If somebody wants to pay all at once and leave in a week or two, that's their privilege, too. If they make (the reservation) within 45 days, they have to pay immediately."

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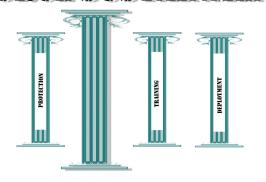
## AF launches base housing survey Did you

**WASHINGTON** (**AFPN**) — An Air Force-wide base resident survey has been launched to determine the level of satisfaction of family housing residents at installations worldwide.

The survey provides base-housing residents and housing managers an opportunity to respond to survey questions regarding housing facilities and services delivered. At installations with privatized housing, property managers will also participate in the survey.

"We encourage all residents to complete their survey as soon as possible," said Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, the Air Force Civil Engineer. "The more participants we have, the more accurate our results will be and the greater emphasis we can place on making the recommended changes."

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Stateside residents should have received their surveys in June, while overseas residents should receive surveys by late summer or early fall, officials said.

The survey is customized for Air Force residents and will take about five minutes to complete.

"Efforts to assess resident satisfaction have historically been undertaken at the installation level," said Col. Bob Griffin, Air Force Housing Division chief. "Using standardized surveys will allow us to make valid comparisons of the data collected. I encourage every Air Force family residing in government-owned or privatized housing to participate."

Each resident will be provided a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope to return the survey.

Survey results are confidential and anonymous. The survey asks residents to respond to questions related to the physical property, services and management's performance. With the cooperation and candid responses by residents, the Air Force can collect important information that will be used to identify areas where improvements are required.

An executive summary of the survey results will be provided to senior leaders at the wing, major command and Air Staff levels and used as a basis for decisions regarding the Air Force's Military Housing Privatization Initiative, military construction needs and the future of family housing.

## Did you know ...

Personnel TEMPO is a quality-of-life measurement that measures the amount of time an individual spends away from his or her



home station. The system calculates all days TDY, whether for contingency, training, or for other purposes. Within this system, PERSTEMPO data can be displayed by groupings (major commands, bases, units, weapon systems, and Air Force Specialty Codes) or by individual. This may be helpful when prioritizing desired duty locations or when attempting to requisition extra manpower. For more information, go online to https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/PERSTEMPO\_secure/index.asp.

## Checkertail Salute Capt. Jeremy Durtschi



Steve Wallace

Captain Durtschi receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Captain Durtschi, 43rd Fighter Squadron. He flawlessly planned and flew the delivery of F/A-22 Raptor tail #02-4040 from Marietta, Ga. He personally reviewed more than 200 flight manual publication changes. Captain Durtschi is also a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and he has encouraged nearly 40 others in the 43rd FS to follow suit.

**Duty title:** Chief of standards and evaluations, F/A-22 Raptor

instructor pilot

Time on station: Ten months
Time in service: Ten years
Hometown: Austin, Texas
Hobbies: Golf and kids
Favorite movie: "Gladiator"
Pet Peeves: Drivers who run red
lights

Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beach, weather and the F/A-22 Proudest moment in the

military: Serving in combat in Kosovo and Iraq

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Staff Sgt. Michele Smith, 325th Operations Support Squadron



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#### **FORCE TRAINING**



#### Training Spotlight

## Why did you decide to become a pilot?

"I picked it because it is a blue and white collar job in that you have to be intelligent, but there is also a lot of physical work involved."



1ST LT. ADAM CIARELLA
1st Fighter Squadron B-Course student

## ABM students get on other side of radar

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

How do you learn to manage an air battle consisting of any number of fighter aircraft, each moving at hundreds of miles per hour? You do it one step at a time.

And that first step for air battle manager students here at Tyndall is controlling a much slower aircraft that has similar communications capabilities to an F-15 Eagle – the MU-2.

The advantage to first controlling the MU-2, a twin engine turboprop aircraft, is getting the realism of controlling an actual aircraft, but in a slow, low-threat environment, said 2nd Lt. Ryan Wallace, 325th Air Control Squadron ABM student.



2nd Lt. Ryan Wallace, 325th Air Control Squadron Air Battle Manager student, climbs aboard the MU-2. ABM students get a chance to ride in the MU-2, which helps them learn first hand how pilots hear their calls.

The MU-2 is a stepping stone for the students to get to actually controlling fighters, said Tech. Sgt. Raymond Seiler, 325th ACS ABM instructor.

"The MU-2 pilots simulate F-15 communication," said Sergeant Seiler. "During certain parts of the intercept, we force the students to react to changing situations."

Training with the slower aircraft, he said, leaves more time for the students to grasp the concept of how things operate. A high-performance aircraft flies at least 10 times faster, not leaving as much reaction time.

Reacting to what they see on the radar is important, but knowing how to relay that

information to the pilot is crucial to a successful battle. The MU-2 portion of training also allows ABM students a chance to go up in the air and hear the calls their fellow students make.

"You're up there waiting for important information at a critical time, and it finally allows you to see why we have to make those calls at the right moments," said Lieutenant Wallace.

While making the right calls at the right

time will help the pilot in battle, it is just as critical that the controller knows when to be quiet.

"Up in the air, we also learn that sometimes communications can decrease situational awareness," said Lieutenant Wallace. "The information may not be important, or it may be confusing."

Basically, it comes down to prioritizing your calls, he said.

"That's the biggest thing – learning pilot prioritization," said Sergeant Seiler. "The ABMs learn when to talk and when not to talk based the Eagle employment."

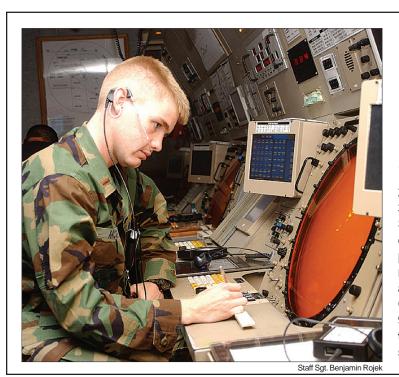
But even if an ABM talks at the right moment, there may still be some miscommunication or confusion.

ABMs get the whole picture of the sky with the radar, said Lieutenant Wallace. At times they may wonder why the pilot doesn't see what they're seeing. Conversely, while up in the plane, they wonder why the ABM doesn't call out what the pilot sees.

"We learn the limitations of each player," said the lieutenant. "Our radar may be too low, or the pilot may be in rough weather; we learn the advantages and limits of controllers and pilots.

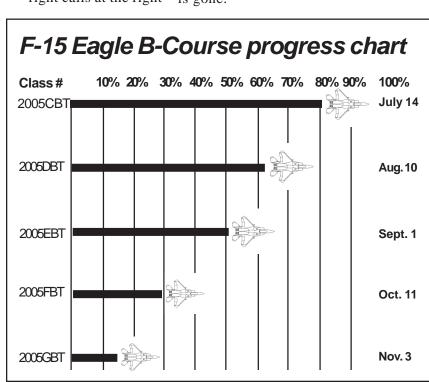
One of the biggest lessons from flying in the MU-2, according to Lieutenant Wallace, is learning that the pilots and the ABMs need each other to get the mission accomplished.

"It's a symbiotic relationship. If one doesn't perform well, the effectiveness is gone."



#### Scope around

2nd Lt. Barry McGee, 325th Operations Support Squadron airfield operations officer training program student, monitors the north sector approach control here. OTP students are allotted 90 of their 135 days of training to train on the scopes.



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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDowell

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A recent Air Force mission here gave new meaning to the phrase "fish out of water."

A C-130J Hercules crew from Keesler AFB, Miss. flew a rough-toothed dolphin named "Noah" onto Tyndall's flightline, in collaboration with Gulf World of Panama City to transport Noah and reunite him with fellow dolphins.

"When the scheduler at the Air Force Reserve Center told me about this mission, I thought they were talking about hauling a helicopter," said Maj. Erik Olson, C-130 J aircraft commander. He said that the crew was in disbelief when he explained the cargo was actually a dolphin.

"We made special arrangements," Maj. Olson said. "We normally avoid all thunderstorms, but this time we went even farther away and we were extra gentle on the handling of the aircraft."

Above: Volunteers and crew members carry Noah in a sling off a C-130J Hercules, which flew the dolphin from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Tyndall. Right: Noah the dolphin lays still as workers sponge him down to keep him wet for the journey to Gulf World. Noah will stay at Gulf World with two other saved dolphins until the pod is released back into the Gulf of Mexico. Far right: Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson, a C-130J crew member, and volunteers load Noah into the van that took him to Gulf World.





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and equipment, though crews frequently manitarian missions as well.

ave done tons of humanitarian missions, is is the first time we have flown a dolsaid Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson, OJ loadmaster. "This mission was better auling cargo, but not better than hauling s out of the desert; last time we were in e hauled wounded troops and humanisupplies."

wever, he added that this mission had ful moments.

ney had been nursing Noah back to for 10 months and we had to get him here in one piece," Sergeant Patterson Loading him, keeping him comfortable ht and unloading him was a lot of work." explained that the flight was three hours and the team of doctors that came with had to flip him every 20 minutes and

mal cargo C-130 crews carry are sup- constantly wet him. The dolphin also had to be sedated because it was explained that "at this point he feels kind of like he was abducted by aliens and is not sure what is going on."

> However, the ride was apparently fine, as the dolphin did arrive healthy and seemingly happy.

> Right now, Noah is reuniting with a "pod" of other dolphins and is ultimately going to be released back into the Gulf waters with them.

> "Dolphins are very social animals, so the pod is very important," said Tricia Culpepper, Gulf World's marketing and public relations director. "A pod is the dolphin's family and consists of two or three dolphins."

> Thanks to a collaboration of the Air Force, Gulf World, and the Texas State Aquarium's SeaLab facility, Noah will soon be released back into his natural habitat, and will have experienced more elements than any other mammal in the sea.





Above: Noah the dolphin smiles for the camera after being loaded into the van that would eventually take him to Gulf World, a marine park in Panama City. Below: Noah gets sprayed with water by a Gulf World employee. The dolphin was sedated for the journey, but needed to remain wet to stay healthy before getting his new temporary home.



Photo and inset by Lisa Norma

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#### **Briefs**

#### **Retiree Appreciation Day**

All Air Force retirees are invited to come to Tyndall Sept. 16 and 17 for Retiree Appreciation Days. For more information on events and activities going on that day, call the Retiree Activities Office at 283-2737.

#### **World War II lithographs**

The 325th Public Affairs Office has lithographs commemorating the 60th anniversary of WW II. Units that would like copies may send a representative to the PA office in Bldg. 626, Room 129. The lithographs are for official use only and must be framed for proper display.

#### Online pharmacies

The Office of the Surgeon General has stated that the use of online physician and pharmacy services is highly discouraged, due to the risk of complications resulting from obtaining medication without a proper medical exam, the lack of quality control 
Troy University registration on prescription medications and the inability of these services to check for interactions with your other current mediations. For more information, please contact the Tricare Operations and Patient Administration Flight at 283-7331.

#### Software license agreements

All organizations must ensure software is being used according to the license agreement. Depending on the type of license (single user, network, site license, etc.), the license agreement will state how many computers the software may be installed and/or how many users can access the software. Air Force policy allows only licensed, registered software, including freeware/ shareware, acquired through government procurement for use on government computers. If you have questions please contact Tech. Sgt. Lance Souther, 325th Communications Squadron base software license manager, at 283-3819.

#### **Gulf Coast Community College**

GCCC offers scholarships for eligible active duty military personnel in the amount of \$200 per year. Students with a GPA of 3.5 and above, enrolled in 5-11 hours will be considered. The deadline to apply is July 31.

Also, testing will not be available today at the Tyndall Education Center. This includes CLEP, DANTES, Excelsion exams, college exams and Professional

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Military Education exams. For more information, call 283-4332.

Troy University will be registering for Term I through July 31. Term I takes place Aug. 4 through Oct. 9. Troy University is located in Room 44A of the Base Education Center. Registration hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 283-4449.

#### Tricare beneficiary briefing

The Panama City Tricare Service Center at Tyndall will hold a beneficiary briefing 1 p.m. Aug. 18 in 325th Medical Group's Raptor conference room, located on the first floor of the clinic. A wide range of topics will be discussed, including Tricare Prime, Standard and Extra, pharmacy benefits, portability, claims, and using Tricare with other health insurance. There will also be a question and answer period held at the briefing's conclusion. Spouses are welcome.

#### **Heart Link**

The next Heart Link session is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Enlisted Club Classics Lounge. Heart Link is a fun-filled, fast-paced informationpacked orientation that can benefit every Air Force spouse. Spouses of permanentparty members or students are invited to attend this free program. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 283-4204/4205.

#### **Blood drive**

The 81st Medical Support Squadron from

Keesler AFB, Miss., will be at Tyndall from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center to collect blood donations for the Armed Services Blood Program Drive. All blood collected by the ASBP stays in the military community to support the peacetime and contingency operations of the Military Health System. All potential donors are reminded to bring photo ID. Those who do not have military ID cards (i.e. contractors, dependents, etc.) are reminded to bring documentation of their Social Security Number.

#### **NSPS** survey

Because of the enthusiastic response to the National Security Personnel System Performance Factor Survey and to satisfy the demands for additional time to participate, the survey portal at www.pfsurvey.net/nsps will remain open through Wednesday. The survey is voluntary and all information provided is confidential. For more information please log on to www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/ index.html.

#### Airman's Attic

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday in Bldg. 747. The Airman's Attic is designed to help reduce some cost of living expenses by providing donated household items or new items purchased with cash donations to eligible military members. The generosity of Team Tyndall has allowed us to extend this service from senior airman and below to those at the rank of staff sergeant. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 or the Family

**Warm Tyndall** welcome

Gen. Dato' Sri Nik Ismail Bin Nik Mohamed, left, chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force, and his wife Datin Sri' Rosna speak with Moe Egginton, wife of Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, and Wanda Wawruck, wife of Col. Danny Wawruck, 1st Air Force director of communications. Members of the Royal Malaysian Air Force stopped by Tyndall recently for a tour hosted by 1st Air Force.

Support Center at 283-4204 for more information.

#### **Thrift Shop hours**

Normal hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Consignments are 9:30–11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Until Thursday, the Thrift Shop will be open 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with consignments only being conducted 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 286-5888.

#### Chapel Schedule

#### Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, Chapel Two Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

#### **Protestant services**

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

#### Muslim services

A prayer room will be open for Dhuhr Prayer Monday-Thursday in the Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline. There will also be Jumauh services at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month.

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#### Lift assist

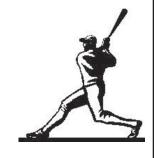
Airman 1st Class Valteau Morris, 325th Services Squadron fitness specialist, spots and assists Senior Airman Inishia George, 95th Fighter Squadron life support technician, who was weight training at the Tyndall Fitness Center. The Fitness Center staff are trained to create workout programs and teach proper weight lifting techniques. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

## **Intramural Sports Standings**

#### Softball

National	W	L
TEST	10	0
AMXS3	9	1
MOS	9	2
MDG	7	3
AMXS1	6	4
MXS2	5	6
SFS	5	6
53rd WEG	4	7
83rd FWS1	3	7
ACS2	2	9
CPTS	2	9
RHS	1	9

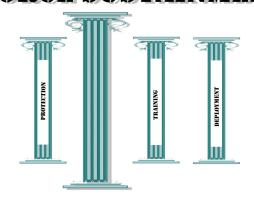


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ACS1	7	4
<b>AFCESA</b>	6	5
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MSS	5	5
COMM	5	6
SVS	5	6
AMXS2	2	9
LRD	1	9
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CES	52
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OSS	29
CONR1	28
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RHS	24
83rd FWS	23
MXS	23
ACS	20
SVS	19.5
CONR2	18
CS2	18

#### **FORCE SUSTAINMENT**





## Kicking and Screaming 6 p.m. Thursday

Family man Phil Weston (Will Ferrell), a lifelong victim of his father's competitive nature, takes on the coaching duties of a kids' soccer team, and soon finds that he's also taking on his father's dysfunctional way of relating. Rated PG.

## The Longest Yard 6 p.m. Aug. 4

Paul "Wrecking" Crewe (Adam Sandler) was a revered football superstar back in his day, but that time has since faded. When a messy drunk driving incident lands him in jail, Paul finds he was specifically requested by Warden Hazen (James Cromwell), a duplicitous prison official well aware of Paul's athletic skills. Paul has been assigned the task of assembling a team of convicts to square off in a big football game against the sadistic guards. With the help of fellow convict Caretaker (Chris Rock), and an old legend named Nate Scarborough (Burt Reynolds) to coach, Crewe is ready for what promises to be a very interesting game. It's only the warden and the guards who have no idea who or what they're up against, with Paul the driving force behind the new team.

(All information courtesy of www.imdb.com. Used with permission.)

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## Grass gets greener on Tyndall golf course

Lt. Col. Marc Picollo

325th Services Squadron commander

Tyndall's Pelican Point Golf Course management team recently announced plans to improve course operations.

According to manger John Winebar, plans include projects that will improve the golfing experience for both the near and far term and ensure Pelican Point remains one of the Air Force's best golf courses for years to come. To begin, management recently invested heavily in course maintenance equipment such as new mowers and other specialized turf maintenance equipment.

"We want to provide a consistent playing surface for our golfers and the new equipment will help us to do that," said Mr. Winebar.

Course management also plans to replace many of their golf carts within the next few months and establish a golf advisory council to gather feedback from customers. Mr. Winebar said he expects the advisory council to be an important part of the future of Pelican Point.



Priscilla Wilson mows the green of Pelican Point Golf Course's 18th hole during a recent early morning cutting. The course upgraded its maintenance schedule last week, which resulted in a 25 percent increase in course maintenance and repair.

golfers and improve the playability of the course for the enjoyment of the Team Tyndall golfing community.

While enthusiastic about the prospects for the future of the course, Mr. Winebar is quick to point out the need to increase the daily maintenance of the course right now

will allow more choices and flexibility for customers. In fact, golfers will be offered several package deals tailored to their expected level of play, and all packages will offer a discount over the daily rate with golfers that play more frequently receiving the best rates.

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opportunity for Team Tyndall, and the	"Over the years we've seen our pay-	July 15, and are available to view online	
advisory council will give us a direct	roll costs, fertilizer costs, fuel costs and	at www.325thservices.com. Members	
avenue to hearing what's on their	other expenses continue to rise with only	of either the Tyndall Enlisted or Offic-	
minds," he said.	minor adjustments to what we charge	ers' Club will still receive a five percent	
But some of the biggest changes are	the customers," he said. "All of that	discount off published rates.	
still years away, he added. Mr. Winebar	equated to a reduction in the level of daily	"While increasing fees is never a popu-	
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Air Education and Training Command	costs to the customer to allow us to put	costs and to improve the course," Mr.	
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rebuild the greens and add additional fea-	Mr. Winebar added, though, the new	golf at Pelican Point is still one of the	
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## SVS to get 'Idol' this August

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDowell

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

"I'm going to Disney World!"

For 19 years, the Super Bowl's most valuable player song. The second week will be country, the third week

announced this phrase, until this year's hiatus. However, Tyndall **FORCE SUSTAINMEN'T** they can pick again." members will get their chance to make up for it, and actually win a 3-day, 2-park Disney Park Hopper pass and a week at any Air Force Vacation Resort - if they have enough talent.

Starting Aug. 5, the Tyndall Enlisted Club will host "Tyndall Idol," modeled after the popular

television show, "American Idol," where any Air Force club member has a chance to showcase their singing talent, and win the grand prize. The second prize is \$500 in Club Bucks and third is \$250 in Club Bucks.

"We are going to have four weeks of performances,"

said Jerry LaFrance, 325th Services Squadron business operations flight chief. "The first week will be the performer's choice; they can pick any genre and any

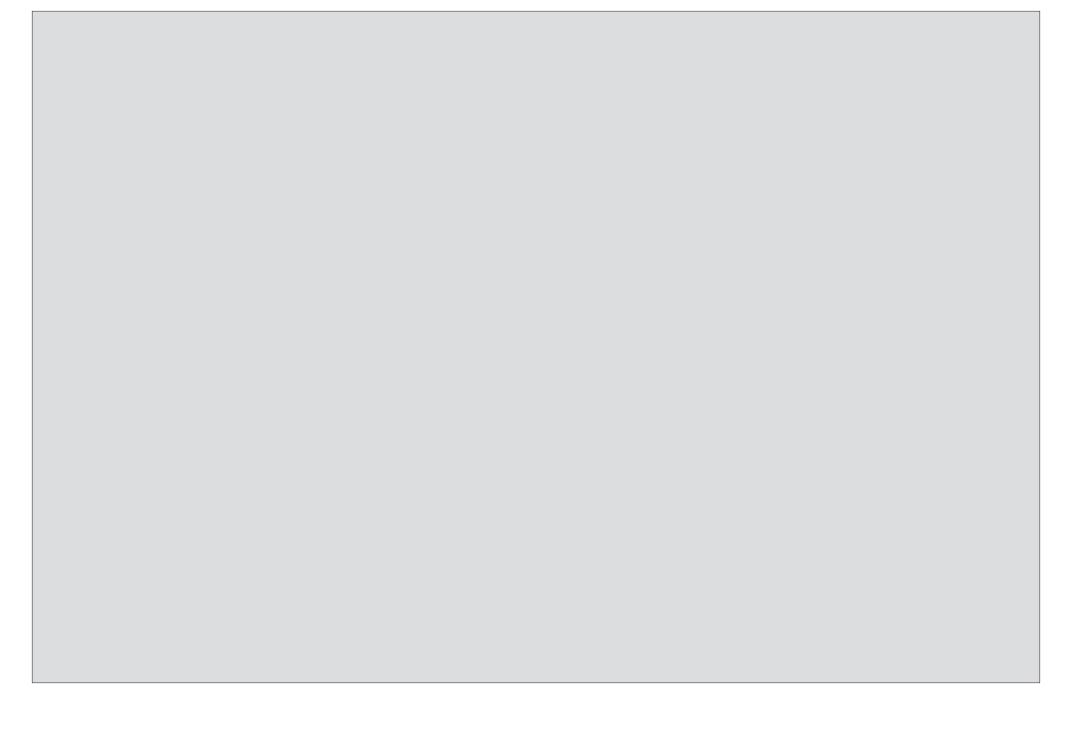
will be Motown and the last week

The competition will be held in The Zone bar in the Enlisted Club.

"It is going to be a really relaxed and fun atmosphere," said Susan Pummill, 325th SVS business operations flight program director. "Everyone is invited to watch and support and the winners will be picked upon crowd response."

Members who would like to showcase their talents in the competition can sign up by calling Ms. Pummill at 283-1108. Practices will be determined upon volunteer response. The deadline to sign up is July 29, and there are only 20 spots available.





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## Court reporters get it 'write' the first time

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The masked figure listens and watches as the courtroom drama unfolds. She records every action and every word using high-tech gadgetry and sharp senses. She doesn't sit hunkered in the shadows, however, but sits right at the front of the room.

Say hello the court reporter.

These highly attentive people record everything said in the courtroom, including any non-verbals, such as a witness fainting or a lawyer approaching the bench.

"It takes a lot of focus," said Madonna Fell, Tyndall's Staff Judge Advocate court reporter. "You can't just be on remote. You have to be ready in case a lawyer jumps up with an objection or the judge says something."

It may take a lot of concentration, but as opposed to vesteryear, when court reporters had to type everything or write in shorthand, they now use computers to help with the task.

"We use the SpeechCAT program," said Mrs. Fell. "When people ask what I'm doing up there with the mask over my mouth, I tell them that I'm repeating everything everyone says."

Mrs. Fell said it is a voice recognition program that translates everything she says into words on the screen of her laptop. While most words are already programmed into the computer, she must still program new words into it at the beginning of every trial.

"Before the trial begins, I get a list of witnesses, exhibits, squadrons, the judge's name, et cetera," she said. "I also get any technical jargon like the names of narcotics."

As soon as court convenes, every-



Members of the Base Legal Office simulate a courtroom scene while Madonna Fell, center, uses the mask of the SpeechCAT system to record the proceedings. Court reporters use high-tech voice recognition technology to record everything that goes on in the courtroom.

thing is recorded verbatim. This is important, she said, because the record could mean the difference between a case getting overturned or not.

"If the accused is convicted in a court-martial, he will have all his appellate rights reviewed," said Mrs. Fell. "The appellate defense counsel will look through the court records to find anything that will help the accused with an appellate defense."

The records are also important if someone is sentenced and requests clemency. In this process, the court records are turned in to the convening authority, the wing commander for example, along with a statement from the accused and from character witnesses. If the commander sees fit, they can overturn the findings.

"We must be extremely careful about having no mistakes on the record of trial," said Mrs. Fell. "We can have no oversights, such as recording the wrong sentence."

Although it is tough making sure everything said and done in the courtroom is recorded accurately, it is also

hard when things get emotional.

"It can get really sad in here – the accused made a stupid mistake, the accused's parents are in the back of the courtroom crying. I have to remember I'm doing my job," she said. "I can't get caught up. I'm neutral. I remind myself that I'm just like a mouse in the corner of the room."

As much as she loves watching the "operetta" of court cases unfold, it does get a little tiring talking the entire time.

"During a trial, I am talking from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.," said Mrs. Fell. "The longest I've talked is two hours straight. When I get out of the courtroom, I'm happy not to talk."

While getting break time during a trial helps to clear the mind and clear the throat, the fact that the career field is so small helps to stay focused, as well as be able to share tricks of the

"There is a lot of networking," Mrs. Fell said of the 65 civilian and five active duty court reporters. "We're a very tight-knit group."

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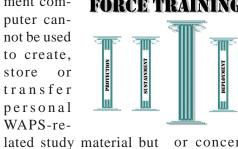
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July 22, 2005 **Gulf Defender** Page 19 CE offers top ten water saving tips Saving water is important to you, your children and all future 6. Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen generations. Here are 10 common sense tips to saving water foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the indoors: defrost setting on your microwave. 1. Verify that your home or facility is leak-free. Read your 7. Kitchen sink disposals require a lot of water to operate water meter before and after a 2-hour period when no water is properly. Instead of using the garbage disposals, start a combeing used. If the meter does not show exactly the same readpost pile as an alternate method of disposing food or dispose of ings, there is a leak. your food in the trash. 2. Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your fau-8. Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. cet is dripping at the rate of one drop per second, you can Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot then expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year, which will add to the wash or shave after filling the basin.

- cost of water and sewer utilities or strain your septic system.
- 3. Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or properly set the water level for the size of load you are using.
- 4. When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow-moving stream from the faucet.
- 5. Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- 9. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear within 30 minutes. (Flush as soon as test is done; food coloring may stain tank.) Check the toilet for worn out, corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed.

10. Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues and other waste in a trash container rather than in the toilet.

(Courtesy of the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron)





Master Sgt. Galen Gill, 95th Aircraft Maintenance unit weapons loading element chief, inspects a Station 2 inboard pylon on an F-15 Eagle here Monday. Sergeant Galen is the Golden Bolt winner for the month of June. He found the Golden Bolt in a hydraulic servicing cart on the flightline here. Congratulations Sergeant Gill!

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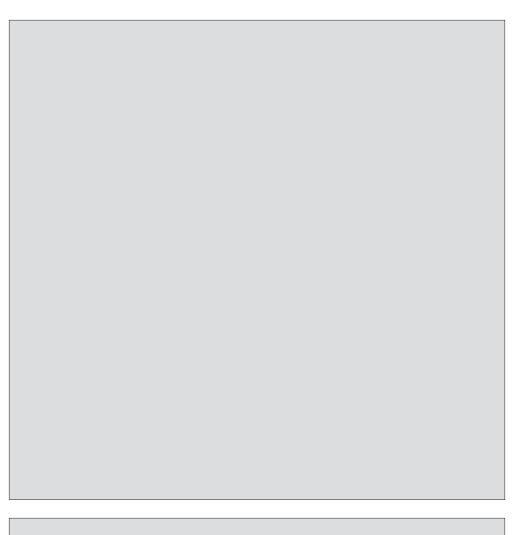
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## **FOD Finder of the Month**





Airman 1st Class Joshua Coe, 325th Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic, simulates engine inspection procedures at Hush House 1 here recently. Airman Coe is the FOD Finder of the Month for June. He found rivets and metal shavings under the intake of a jet engine in **Hush House 1. Congratulations, Airman Coe!** 

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thing. It was the hardest and easiest decision I ever had to make. To make a long story short, on our three-year wedding anniversary, my husband pleaded guilty to using cocaine on several occasions, was sentenced to eight months confinement, forfeiture of pay and allowances, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge. My husband is a drug addict, and his decisions and his disease ruined his life.

But this is just the beginning of the end of this story. You see, my husband's disease touched everyone around him and wrapped its poisonous fingers around them. I was ruined, my children were ruined, our families were ruined, our friends were ruined and the Air Force was ruined.

This experience and his actions left everyone hurt and betrayed. I feel like I gave my soul to love, and it has paid me back in change. Our son, who is 2 years old, resorted to taking a picture of his daddy to bed with him at night in some hapless, desperate effort to be closer to his father. My daughter, who is 5 months old, will not even know the man who is supposed to be her father when he finally gets out of prison.

Now, a heart that is worn and weathered would know better than to fight, but I have decided to wear mine like a weapon. I vowed that this abuse, this addiction that afflicts my husband will NEVER touch my children again, or anyone else, for that matter, if I can help it.

After the court-martial, I was appalled to know that there were many who knew of my

husband's addictions. "Why," I pleaded, "didn't So, I told him that he needed to do the right you say something? Why didn't you help him?" And I kept getting the same answers. Some said they didn't want the conflict, others stated that it wasn't any of their business, and even others said that they didn't want to intrude on anybody's personal problems.

> Well, those answers do not cut it. Those responses are weak and fruitless. We are all members of the Air Force family, and how can we turn our back on one of our own? It is our responsibility as Air Force members to take a stand and help someone, even if doing the right thing hurts like hell.

> If you know someone who has a problem with alcohol or prescription medications or drugs, please, I am begging with you and pleading with you, say something.

> My husband is solely responsible for the crimes he committed; however, I cannot help but wonder how different the circumstances would have been if someone had taken a stand against my husband's drug abuse when he or she first obtained knowledge of it. Perhaps he could have gotten help before everything spun so feverishly out of control.

> As I reflect on the recent events, the answers are all so simple: If you are abusing alcohol, prescription medications or illegal substances, you will eventually get caught and you will pay the ultimate price for your actions. You will be ripped from your family and your home and forced to live in a prison where you can't even walk through a doorway without asking permission.

> There is also another answer: We are responsible for our fellow Airmen.

